

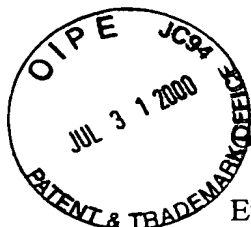
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

DUNICAN et al.

Application No.: 09/531,266

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FOR: NEW NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE TAL GENE

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July 31, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, following the title, insert

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--.

On page 1, line 7, change "Prior art" to --2. Background Information--.

On page 2, line 16, change "Biological [sic]" to --Biological--.

On page 3, prior to line 1, insert

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 4, lines 25-26, change "are [sic]" to --is--.

On page 10, line 9, delete "or [sic]"; on line 27, delete "or"; on line 28, delete "[sic]"

(first occurrence) and delete "or [sic]".

On page 11, line 8, change "Oligonukleotide [sic]" to --Oligonucleotide--.